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SUBJECT: CSCE CBM'S: DUTCH PROPOSAL TO MODIFY GUIDELINES FOR
PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS

REF: (A) USNATO 694

(B) GENEVA 911

1. DISCUSSION OF DUTCH IDEA FOR ADJUSTMENT OF APRA-
METERS FOR NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS TO ACCORD WITH
A POLITICALLY BASED ANNUAL QUOTA (REFTELS) REVEALED
WIDESPREAD MISGIVINGS AMONG CHIEFS OF NATO DELS IN
FEBURARY 13 MEETING. MOST REPS BELIEVED ANY APPROACH
TO SOVIETS NOW WOULD SERIOUSLY ERODE CURRENT ALLIED
POSITION IN NEGOTIATIONS ON PARAMETERS.

CONSENSUS OF CAUCUS WAS THAT I. M. S. DATA SHOULD BE
FORWARDED TO ALLIED DELS IN GENEVA, WHEN AVAILABLE,
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AND THAT DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL SHOULD PROCEED IN

ALLIED CAUCUS HER, NOT REPEAT NOT IN BRUSSELS.

2. FRG REP ASKED WHETHER DUTCH IDEA WAS TO REACH AGREEMENT WITHIN ALLIANCE ON DESIRABLE QUOTA, ADJUST CBM PARAMETERS TO PRODUCE THE DESIRED QUOTA, AND THEN APPROACH SOVIETS WITH NEW PARAMETERS. VAN DER VALK REPLIED THAT NETHERLANDS HAD INSTEAD ENVISAGED AGREEING FIRST WITH SOVIETS ON A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE QUOTA, THEN ADJUSTING PARAMETERS ON BASIS OF THIS AGREEMENTS, BUT HE INDICATED FLEXIBILITY ON PROCEDURE.

3. COMMENT: ASIDE FROM TACTICAL DISADVANTAGES, DUTCH PROPOSAL RAISES QUESTION WHETHER NATO AND PACT WOULD HAVE EQUAL QUOTA OF NOTIFICATIONS OF MANEUVERS, AND WHETHER THIS RESULT COULD BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT APPLYING DIFFERENT PARAMETERS TO THE TWO BLOCS. SEVERAL REPS ALSO ASKED HOW NEUTRALS COULD BE FITTED INTO EQUATION. IN LIGHT OF GENERALLY SKEPTICAL REACTION TO DUTCH PROPOSAL, CANADIANS ARE NOW CONSIDERING INTRODUCING INTO NATO CAUCUS THEIR LESS RADICAL MODIFICATION OF NATO POSITION (GENEVA 673) EARLIER THAN PREVIOUSLY ANTICIPATED. DALE

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